

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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Jury Duty Scam Alert

This Court has received reports of a new juror scam email that fraudulently seeks personal information from the public. According to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, members of the public received emails claiming they had been selected for jury service and demanding that they return a form with such information as Social Security and driver's license numbers, date of birth, cell phone number, and mother's maiden name. The email subject line says "EJuror Program" and includes a link to a page requesting an "Ejuror Invitation Number."

According to the email, anyone who failed to provide the information would be ordered to court to explain their failure, and could face fines and jail time. The email also falsely claimed that it was affiliated with the federal judiciary's eJuror program, used for online juror registration across the country.

The email is fraudulent and has no connection to either this Court or to eJuror.

eJuror never requests that personal identification information be sent directly in an email response. Requests by courts to complete a qualification questionnaire would be initiated by formal written correspondence. Such letters tell jury participants how to access an authenticated, secure online connection.

Anyone who responded to the email should take appropriate steps to safeguard their personal and financial information, which may include contacting the major credit bureaus. Email recipients who are unsure whether an email is legitimately from the Clerk's Office should contact the jury line at 866-277-3073

To learn more about juror scams, see visit the <u>U.S. Courts website</u> and <u>this video</u>.